

Intercessions 20.5.21

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ we pray

For the Church and for Christians all over the world, that we may be held in communion across the boundaries of language and tradition, one body in the one Lord. We pray for the Church where it is persecuted and for the Church where it struggles to be heard. Give us the grace of new beginnings after this time of waiting and hoping.

We pray for Muddy Church, that it may become a sign of new life.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for peace and justice, for an end to war, poverty and oppression. We pray for refugees and asylum seekers, especially for the children among them, that they may find a welcome here.

We pray for our government, for the Home Office, for the Police, for the Justice system.

We pray for the new government in Israel, that it may end the oppression of the Palestinian people.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Creator God, we hear the words you spoke to Job. We are filled anew with awe and wonder as our eyes see the beauty of your creation. Strengthen all effort of preservation and renewal of the earth for our and for future generations.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, Lord, for all who nurture the life of the communities in which we live – for schools, libraries and community centres, for medical centres and care homes, for shops and for the food bank, for acts of kindness among neighbours.

We pray for the flourishing of family life, for the families among us who are looking forward to wedding celebrations. We pray for those who are lonely

and for children in care. We pray for the local councils in their task of guiding the community through this difficult time and into the future.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer, those known to us and those known to you alone. Give them strength, courage and hope, and companions on the way.

Receive those who have died into your eternal kingdom and soothe the pain of those who mourn their death.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For ourselves and for each other we pray that you will be a guiding presence in the storms of our lives, giving us strength in our weakness and hope in our fear.

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**